SCHEDULE 10.9.1 CREDIT ALLOWANCES WISCONSIN

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- 1. In the event of an interruption to the service provided pursuant to any of <u>Schedule 10.9.1</u> by a Party (the "Providing Party") to the other Party (the "Receiving Party") which is not due to the negligence or willful act of Receiving Party or its Customer, upon notice and application by Receiving Party an allowance will be made for the time interruption continues.
- 2. The liability of Providing Party for any credit allowance arising out of mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or defects in transmission, or failures or defects in facilities furnished by the Providing Party, occurring in the course of furnishing service or other facilities and not caused by the negligence of Receiving Party or of Providing Party in failing to maintain proper standards of maintenance and operation and to exercise reasonable supervision shall in no event exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to Receiving Party for the period of service during which such mistake, omission, interruption, delay or error or defect in transmission or failure or defect in facilities occurs.

The services furnished by Providing Party, in addition to the limitation set forth preceding, also are subject to the following limitation: Providing Party shall not be liable for any credit allowance arising out of mistakes, omissions, delays, errors or defects in transmission or other injury, including injuries to persons or property from voltages or currents transmitted over the service of Providing Party: (a) caused by Receiving Party or Receiving Party Customer-provided equipment (except where a contributing cause is the malfunctioning of a Providing Party connecting arrangement, in which event the liability of the Providing Party shall not exceed an amount equal to a proportional amount of Providing Party billing for the period of service during which such mistake, omission, interruption, delay, error, defect in transmission or injury occurs), or (b) not prevented by Receiving Party or Receiving Party Customer-provided equipment but which would have been prevented had Providing Party-provided equipment been used.

3. When the lines of other telecommunication providers or facilities of other persons are used in establishing connections to points not reached by the Providing Party's lines, the Providing Party is not liable for any act or omission of the other provider or persons.